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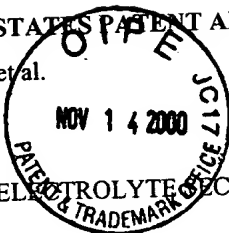
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S I R:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

I. SUBMITTED UNITED STATES PATENT REFERENCES

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
AA	5,595,841	Ryuta Suzuki	January 21, 1997

II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
AL	09213337	Japan	February 2, 1996
AM	06215761	Japan	January 21, 1993
AN	02135665	Japan	November 17, 1988

III. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AL, AM and AN were cited in European Patent Office Search Report of September 13, 2000 in counterpart European Patent Application No. 98936743.8. A copy of the Search Report is submitted herewith. Since references AA, AL, AM and AN are in English, no further commentary on their teachings is necessary.

None of the above references, taken singly or in combination, disclose or suggest a nonaqueous-electrolyte secondary battery as disclosed in the present invention.

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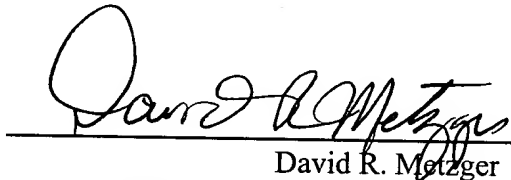
Copies of the above reference together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98. Except as provided, the undersigned does not possess English translations of the non-English references.

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All claims of the application are patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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